remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9908–09.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded oversight hearings on the operation of the Federal Housing Finance Board, which oversees the administration and enforcement of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, after receiving testimony from Bruce A. Morrison, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the economic impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's revisions to the particulate matter and ozone ambient standards on certain manufacturers, jobs, and competitiveness in the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Inhofe; Representatives Dingell, Upton, and Shays; Jeffrey C. Smith, Institute of Clean Air Companies, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Scott Holman, Sr., Bay Cast Technologies, Bay City, Michigan; B.J. Mason, Mid-Atlantic Finishing, Capitol Heights, Maryland, on behalf of the American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society, the National Association of Metal Finishers, and the Metal Finishing Suppliers' Association; Benjamin E. Ramsey, Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, Indianapolis; Arland Stephens, Norwich, Kansas, on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau; Jason Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts; and Art McGee, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Flint, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 967, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:
- S. 1158, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:
- S. 1159, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation

public interest land exchange, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

- S. 1092, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska
- S. 1015, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 846, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii;
- S. 439, to provide for Alaska State jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, to address voluntary licensing of hydroelectric projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, and to provide an exemption for a portion of a hydroelectric project located in the State of New Mexico, with amendments;
- S. 587, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hindsdale, Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 951, House companion measure.);
- S. 588, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho National Forest and the White River National Forest in Colorado, to include land known as the Slate Creek Addition, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 985, House companion measure.);
- S. 589, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest in Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 1019, House companion measure.);
- S. 591, to transfer the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of H.R. 1020, House companion measure.);
- S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests in order to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 660, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary, Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation, Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal Building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodriffe.

AUTHORIZATION—ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1180, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2003 for programs of the Endangered Species Act, after receiving testimony from former Senator James McClure, on behalf of the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition; Duane L. Shroufe, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, on behalf of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and W. Henson Moore, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association and the Endangered Species Coordinating Council, Mark Van Putten, National Wildlife Federation, and Michael J. Bean, Environmental Defense Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine the current state of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on its practices and procedures and its enforcement authorities to collect delinquent taxes, receiving testimony from Jennifer Long, Agent, Darren Larsen, former Assistant District Counsel, Lawrence G. Lilly, former District Counsel, David Patnoe, former Revenue Officer, Bruce A. Strauss, former Senior Division Chief, Collections Division, and Shelley L. Davis, former Historian, all of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury; Monsignor Lawrence F. Ballweg, New York, New York; Nancy Jacobs, Bakersfield, California; Katherine Lund Hicks, Apple Valley, California; David Burnham, Washington, D.C.; Robert S. Schriebman, Los Angeles, California; and Tom Savage, Lewes, Delaware.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1211) to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs;

An original bill to interpret the term "kidnapping" in extradition treaties to which the United States is a party;

S. Con. Res. 51, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding elections for the legislature of the Hong Kong Administrative Region;

H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'etat of that country's first democratically elected President;

An original resolution (S. Res. 123) honoring the memory of former Peace Corps Director Loret Miller

Ruppe; and

The nominations of Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Corinne Claiborne Boggs, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, R. Nicholas Burns, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Thomas J. Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Timberlake Foster, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy, Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia, Curtis Warren Kamman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Tom McDonald, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Mark Robert Parris, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Nancy Jo Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Robin Lynn Raphel, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Peter L. Scher, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Trade Negotiator, Amelia Ellen Shippy, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Edward E. Shumaker, III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad

and Tobago, Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, Nancy Dorn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, and Paula Dobrianksy, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and a Foreign Service Officer promotion list received by the Senate on September 4, 1997.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan, Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, and Stephen W. Bosworth, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Foley was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray and Representative Hyde.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with re-

gard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Ann McBride and Donald J. Simon, both of Common Cause, Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institution, Douglas C. Berman, Campaign Reform Project, Becky Cain, League of Women Voters, Edward H. Crane, CATO Institute, Curtis B. Gans, Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, and Ellen S. Miller, Public Campaign, all of Washington, D.C.; and Leo Troy, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1186, to reform Federal job training, vocational education, and adult education programs, with amendments: and

A list of nominations in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2533–2543; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 157, were introduced.

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 242, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–267); and

H. Res. 243, providing for consideration of H.R. 901, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands (H. Rept. 105–268).

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7733

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Commissioner Robert A. Watson, National Commander, the Salvation Army.

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Journal: By a recorded vote of 324 ayes to 81 noes, Roll No. 427, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 23. Earlier, approved the Journal by a division vote of 157 yeas to 70 nays.

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Motion to Adjourn: By a yea and nay vote of 59 yeas to 342 nays, Roll No. 426, rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn.

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Motion to Adjourn: By a yea and nay vote of 124 yeas to 293 nays, Roll No. 429, rejected the Gephardt motion to adjourn. Earlier, agreed to table the motion to reconsider ordering the yeas-and-nays by a yea and nay vote of 217 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 428.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: By a yea and nay vote of 309 yeas to 106 nays, Roll No. 432, the House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.